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INTERNATIONAL LITERACY YEAR



Volunteer Awards and Book Voyage Ceremony

Winners of the Canadian Library Association's Literacy Volunteer Awards from Burnaby, New Westminster and Coquitlam will be honoured at a ceremony on Saturday, December 8, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. at the New Westminster Public Library, 716 - 6th Avenue. Members of Parliament Svend Robinson, Dawn Black and Ian Waddell will present the awards to the recipients from their respective ridings.

The volunteer awards were created by the CLA to commemorate International Literacy Year by identifying volunteers and organizations who have made a significant contribution to literacy in their community.

Following the volunteer awards a second ceremony will take place which will mark the start of another journey for the B.C. Book Voyage. The B.C. Book will be presented to Paul Whitney, President of the B.C. Library Association, by learners who contributed to the Book. It is to accompany the B.C.L.A.'s "Library-Literacy Link" display which will travel to libraries throughout B.C. until the spring of 1992.

The Book Voyage, a world-wide project for International Literacy Year sponsored by the International Task Force on Literacy, was organized in B.C. by the Movement for Canadian Literacy. A blank book was circulated during 1990 throughout the 15 college regions, collecting writings from literacy students.

For further information on the event contact: Jane Kupfer, New Westminster Public Library, 521-8874. □

Raising Funds with "Fax and Figures"

A novel fundraising project is underway this month as the Association of Learning Disabled Adults holds its second annual "Fax and Figures Auction" December 4 and 5 from Vancouver. Participants may bid by telephone or facsimile machine on approximately 95 donated items ranging in value from \$15.00 - \$1000.00. Two thousand catalogues listing the items for auction have been distributed throughout Vancouver at locations such as community centres, libraries and 7-Eleven stores. The catalogue contains a bid number, a brief description of the item and its dollar value - though bids may start anywhere and the highest bidder is the winner. Winners are notified by telephone after the auction closes, at 10:00 p.m. each day.

The auction is held to raise funds for ALDA, a non-profit organization which provides support, information and referral services for adults with a range of learning disabilities. Referrals are available for assessments, educational upgrading, employment and counselling services, and remediation.

Last year's auction raised approximately \$18,000.00 in bids and donated services says Grace Piontkovsky, ALDA Executive Director. This year's catalogue has more items to choose from within a wider range of value, in an effort to attract more bidders. Categories include clothing, jewellery, home and office accessories, accommodation packages, health and fitness classes, gift certificates and

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Cost-Shared Announcement

The Contact Centre has received an announcement of the total literacy projects cost-shared between the federal National Literacy Secretariat and the provincial Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology for the 1990/91 fiscal year. The 32 projects are listed geographically according to community college regions in the province. A "partner" is the agency responsible for delivering the project; if no partner is identified, the college itself is assuming responsibility for the project.

CAMOSUN COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Social Studies Learning Materials
 Partner: Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development
- Project: Victoria Adult Literacy Centre
 Partner: Project Literacy Victoria
- Project: Video Series for the Hearing Impaired
 Partner: School District #62 (Sooke)
- Project: Literacy Themes
 Partner: Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development

CAPILANO COLLEGE REGION

- Project: NewsReader page in The Province
 Partners: Vancouver Community College and The Province
- Project: ABE Literacy Materials Committee
- Project: Pilot of Literacy Software for Severely Physically Disabled Adults
 Partner: Neil Squire Foundation

CARIBOO COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Bake Me an Alligator Pie: A Reading Workshop for Parents

COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA REGION

- Project: Tales of Northern B.C.
- Project: Native Literacy Tutor Training
- Project: Community Literacy Coordination
- Project: Carrier Language Literacy
 Partner: Yinka Dene Language Institute

DOUGLAS COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Literacy 2000: The Next Ten Years

FRASER VALLEY COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Workplace Network and Consultation
 Partner: Adult Basic Education Association of B.C.

KWANTLEN COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Good Health Eating Club
 Partner: Surrey Community Resources Society
- Project: Bibliography of Literacy Science Materials

MALASPINA COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Literacy Transition Project
- Project: The Write Place
 Partner: Project Literacy Fresh Start

NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Northern Literacy Awareness

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Volunteer Tutor Program
 Partner: Project Literacy Terrace

OKANAGAN COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Reaching Out: A Community Literacy Outreach Program

SELKIRK COLLEGE REGION

- Project: West Kootenay Libraries and Literacy

- Partner: Project Literacy West Kootenays

- Project: Program Visitation and Observation

- Partner: Adult Basic Education Association of B.C.

- Project: Regional Learners Events

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGION

- Project: Women, Literacy and Life Skills

- Partner: YWCA, Vancouver

- Project: Research on Literacy: Local and International

- Partner: University of B.C.

- Project: NewsReader page in The Province

- Partners: Capilano College and The Province

- Project: Career Guide for Adult Literacy Students in B.C.

- Partner: Education Information Centre

- Project: ALDA Assessment Program
 Partner: Association of Learning Disabled Adults

- Project: Voices magazine

- Partner: Lower Mainland Society for Literacy and Employment

- Project: Literacy Public Awareness Campaign

- Project: Adult Literacy Contact Centre

- Partner: Adult Basic Education Association of B.C.

- Project: Literacy Power Play

A summary and goals for each project will be available soon from the Ministry. In the meantime, for more information contact:

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 Second Floor, 838 Fort Street
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free passes to cultural and sports events.

Some examples are:

- ◆ a limited edition lithograph of the literacy symbol commissioned by Canada Post for International Literacy Year. (This is the only item with a minimum opening bid - \$1000.00.)
- ◆ two tickets to the Vancouver performance of "Phantom of the Opera" (value \$160.00)
- ◆ complementary passes to the Vancouver Museum (value \$50.00)
- ◆ a Simon Fraser University Continuing Studies course (value \$550.00)
- ◆ 52-week fax subscription to the Environmental News Service (value \$140.00)

Eight telephone and two fax lines will be handled by volunteers and staff members from noon to 10:00 p.m. during the two-day event. Contact ALDA at 683-5554 (telephone) or 683-2380 (fax). □

A Model for Community Partnerships

Two Fraser Valley College literacy instructors are seeking input from the field to complete a project aimed at constructing a model for community-based literacy programs. The project is one of the 1989/90 cost-shared programs funded by the National Literacy Secretariat and the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

Barbara Bate, FVC Chilliwack adult basic education instructor, and Wendy Watson, ABE Coordinator/Instructor at FVC, Abbotsford, are coordinating "Community Partnerships in Literacy Training: A Model" (project No. 899031, administered by Fraser Valley

College). The goal of the project is to develop a document which provides a framework of information and direction from which a community group could design a program particular to its needs, and publish and distribute the document.

The project examines components such as promotion, program and delivery models, funding, staff/tutor training and development, materials and evaluation, and community involvement. The document "is in the writing process now," says Bate, but the team welcomes further contributions.

"It's never too late to contribute," she said. "We want to make sure we haven't missed anyone." She says they have already heard from "people starting projects, and people seeking contacts. Contributions and/or suggestions are open to anyone."

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Scandinavian Study-tour Spring 1991

An opportunity for up to 20 adult educators to take part in a study-tour of Sweden and Denmark next spring is available through the Pacific Association for Adult Education (PACE).

The tour, from May 17-31, 1991 (dates still approximate) is designed for participants to learn more about Scandinavian "folk high schools" (colleges), study circles, and

innovative approaches to non-formal learning. Cost, including air fare to and from Vancouver, accommodation, ground transportation, meals, instruction, reading materials and guides is approximately \$2500.00 (Canadian). Adjustments can be made for departure from or return to other Canadian cities, and optional extensions of one week or longer are available at extra cost.

Dates will be finalized by December 31, 1990.

For further information or to reserve a place on the study-tour, contact:

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The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is a project of the Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. and is jointly funded by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology; and the National Literacy Secretariat.

The Centre welcomes receiving your literacy news by phone, fax or mail. We reserve the right to edit written submissions for the newsletter.

The newsletter is available free of charge to any individual or agency upon request.

Science Bibliography Available

The Annotated Bibliography of Science Materials at the Literacy Level is a 30-page bound booklet of approximately 100 titles prepared by Mollie Enns, adult basic education instructor at Kwantlen College, Surrey, B.C. The aim of the booklet was to collect information on adult-oriented science materials and make it available as a teaching resource.

The bibliography is divided into five sections: Workbooks, Reading Books, Nature Guides, Instructional Materials and Free Materials. Titles were collected through visits to literacy and adult basic education programs throughout the Lower Mainland, public libraries, booksellers, government agencies and the University of B.C. Curriculum Laboratory. All materials were checked for content, reading difficulty and appeal to adult learners.

Titles are not classified by reading level. Books were selected in which the language was simple, sentences were short, and scientific jargon kept to a minimum. Well-labelled diagrams, preferably of adults, and the inclusion of a glossary were also factors considered.

The Reading Books section of the bibliography is designed to represent as many aspects of science as possible and includes titles for "leisure reading." Enns notes there is a shortage of books about, for example, chemistry or physics written at a suitable reading level which appeal to adults.

Most free materials provided by government agencies are at too high a reading level for literacy students, according to Enns. "This appears to be an area where literacy organizations need to exert pressure to ensure information is provided in a

form which low level readers can understand," she says.

The bibliography was funded as one of B.C.'s 1990/91 literacy cost-shared projects.

Copies of the bibliography are available free of charge through the Contact Centre (while supplies last). □

First Executive Director Named for AECBC

The Advanced Education Council of British Columbia has announced the appointment of Gil Johnson as its first Executive Director. The Council was established July 1, 1990, to provide an effective organization for increased advocacy for B.C.'s colleges, institutes and agencies. It brings together the board members of the (former) B.C. Association of Colleges and the chief executive officers of the Council of Presidents.

Johnson, who took up the position on October 15, was formerly President of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. His other public service and education positions in the province of Saskatchewan include Chairman, Saskatchewan Securities Commission; Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower; and Regional Director-General, Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. Johnson holds a Master of Laws from the University of London, England, and an LL.B. and a B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan.

Membership in the AECBC includes all of the publicly funded colleges, institutes and agencies in B.C. The Council is composed of two groups: the Council of Governors representing the board members, and the Council of CEO's, representing the presidents.

The Council held an informal Open House, in conjunction with the British Columbia Centre for International Education, at its offices (#203 - 409 Granville Street, Vancouver) on November 8. □

New Director for Reading Association

The International Reading Association (IRA), a non-profit educational organization headquartered in Newark, Delaware dedicated to improving reading instruction and promoting literacy worldwide, has appointed a new Executive Director. Peter K. Mitchell Jr. begins a three-year term on January 1, 1991. Mitchell has served as Assistant to the General Secretary and Global Project Coordinator of the International Federation of Free Teachers' Unions (IFFTU) in Amsterdam since 1982. He was also director of a federal grant project on global education within the International Affairs Department of the American Federation of Teachers, and a classroom teacher at the secondary level for 10 years. □

BLADE at Camosun College

A literacy program designed for tutors and instructors of adult basic education, English as a Second Language and special education in workplace, community-based or correctional setting programs will be unveiled at a one-day orientation at Camosun College in Victoria on December 15.

The BLADE program (Basic Literacy for Adult Development) is a tutoring method using self-paced audio cassettes and instruction booklets to

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teach basic reading, writing and spelling skills from a grade 1 to a grade 8 level. It developed out of the New Start Life Skills Training program, a method of training leaders for small group work (employment readiness and problem-solving) initiated by Canada Employment and Immigration in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in 1970. The program was used in correctional centres throughout B.C. during the 1970's, but has since been revamped to become more "user-friendly."

The program is currently in use at the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre in Victoria, explains Etta Connor, Camosun College A.B.E. instructor and the Centre's Education Officer. "Some of my A.B.E. students have made incredible strides with BLADE," she says. "The college is presenting this workshop in order to expose the program to the larger [literacy] community." (Camosun A.B.E. instructors will attend one day of BLADE orientation on Friday, December 14.)

Facilitator of the workshop is literacy specialist John Lyon, BLADE instructor at Maplehurst Correctional Centre, Milton, Ontario, and sessional professor for teacher training at the University of Toronto.

The college purchased the program from the federal Ministry of Supply and Services through its distributor, T & D Resources of Montreal. Connor says while there have been no major design changes in the original program, T & D has been responsible for upgrading and updating it.

The program is divided into four levels, with 10 units or "progressions" and 10 booklets accompanying the audiocassettes at each level.

To attend the \$25.00 orientation, contact Etta Connor at 5096 Catalina Terrace, Victoria, B.C., V8Y 2A5. Phone 658-8922. □

Libraries Welcome New Readers

"Your Public Library Welcomes You ... Here's How." That's the name of a new information booklet produced by the Canadian Library Association designed and written for the beginning adult reader. The booklet was developed with the assistance of a plain language consultant to provide learners with basic information about the diversity and accessibility of public library services. It was produced (in English and French versions) in cooperation with the National Library of Canada, the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, and L'Association Pour L'avancement des Sciences at des Techniques de la Documentation (ASTED). Funding was provided by the National Literacy Secretariat.

Leacy O'Brien, Director of Membership Services for the CLA, explains the booklet is "not specifically learner material," but its clear language and colourful design make it suitable for beginning readers.

"We wanted to appeal to the general public but at a reading level also suitable for new readers," she says. "The booklet was prepared with the recent learner in mind. The text and design were reviewed by library and literacy professionals to ensure readability and appeal."

Booklets are available free of charge to libraries, literacy groups, community service agencies, and other interested organizations. For more information or to order, contact:

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Canadian Library Association
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Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1L5
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Call for Workshop Topics from ABEABC

The Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. is issuing a call for workshop topics for its 1991 Annual General Meeting and Conference. The theme of the conference, to be hosted by Northwest Community College in Prince Rupert April 10-13, is "Program Design and Delivery: Meeting the Needs of the Learner."

ABEABC Vice President Larry Bolingbroke says the conference will provide the opportunity for adult educators to share ideas on how to effectively meet the diverse needs of learners from a variety of economic, cultural and social environments. Organizers are looking for participants to offer ideas and expertise on issues relating to the conference theme. Suggested topics include the following:

- ◆ Designing effective native education programs
- ◆ ABE in small centres: the one room schoolhouse
- ◆ Designing programs for special interest groups
- ◆ The role of new technologies: computers in the classroom
- ◆ Distance education and open learning
- ◆ Designing learner-centred curriculum and materials
- ◆ Involving learners in program development
- ◆ Innovative programs that work
- ◆ The Year 2000: How does it affect ABE?

Bolingbroke adds that workshops of general interest, such as reports from literacy cost-shared and curriculum development projects, and topics such

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PROJECT LITERACY ABBOTSFORD-MATSQUI

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PLAM presents its fundraising literacy play, "Marks on Paper," to an audience of library patrons at the Guildford Public Library auditorium in Surrey at 7:00 p.m. on December 7. "The Literacy Players" also performed in November for the Fraser Valley College Board in Agassiz, and are scheduled for performances on Vancouver Island and Prince George next spring. (PLAM has raised more than \$5,000.00 since March, 1990, primarily from fundraising performances of Marks on Paper).

PLAM's 1990/91 Executive, elected by acclamation at the October 30 meeting, is: Wendy Watson (Chair); Joy Haight (Vice-Chair); Cynthia Andruske (Secretary); Darlene Lane (Treasurer); Barbara Maddock (Director of Publicity).

COMOX VALLEY LITERACY PROJECT GROUP

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Courtenay Branch
410 Cliffe Avenue
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FORT ST. JOHN LITERACY SOCIETY

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Fort St. John Public Library
10349 - 100th Street
Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 3Z2
Phone: 785-3731

FRASER VALLEY EAST LITERACY ASSOCIATION

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Phone: 858-4913

PROJECT LITERACY GREATER VANCOUVER

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Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6
Phone: 291-3298

The annual general meeting of PLGV is scheduled for January 25, 1991 at 9:00 a.m., 5th Floor Boardroom, King Edward Campus, Vancouver Community College. (The November 23 meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum.) Additional nominations are sought for the 1991 Executive to be elected in January; contact Hendrik Hoekema.

PROJECT LITERACY HOUSTON

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Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0
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The group, which recently became incorporated under the Societies Act, met November 22 to explore funding possibilities for a volunteer coordinator, reports Sandi Lavallie. Demonstrations of both Pathfinder (a computerized learning system) and an interactive video system used by Houston Forest Products were presented at last month's meeting, attended by representatives of local schools, industry, unions, social service agencies, Northwest Community College, learners and tutors.

PROJECT LITERACY KELOWNA SOCIETY

Contact: Maxine Veach
(Coordinator)
Betty Knox (President)
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Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 1Z8
Phone: 762-2163

PL Kelowna was chosen as this year's recipient of a quilt, valued at \$5000.00, which is donated annually by the McKinley Landing Quilters to a local non-profit organization, reports Maxine Veach. The presentation took place at the Society's offices on November 22. The society plans to raffle the gift as a fundraising project on a date to be announced. The group has also received a gift of a computer and solid oak desk from the Telephone Employees Communications Fund, reports Veach.

LITERACY KITIMAT

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Society
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Literacy Kitimat's next meeting is scheduled for the first month in February, 1991.

LITERACY NANAIMO

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PROJECT LITERACY PARKSVILLE/QUALICUM

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PROJECT LITERACY PRINCE GEORGE

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PROJECT LITERACY PRINCE RUPERT

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LITERACY SMITHERS

Contact: Levica Markides
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Association
Box 2684, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0
Phone: 847-9553

The group elected its first Board on October 24 and has submitted an application for society status, reports Markides. The tutor training program which started mid-November is well underway, she adds, with nine learners matched with nine instructors to date, and more learners on a waiting list. Further training sessions are scheduled for February 15-16 and February 22-23, with an additional session focusing on ESL planned for April, 1991. PL Smithers plans to hold a joint meeting with PL Houston some time in January, 1991.

PROJECT LITERACY SUNSHINE COAST

Contact: Mary Pinnigar
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Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0
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PROJECT LITERACY SURREY/DELTA

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Contact: Ene Haabnit
Newton Public Library
Phone: 596-7401

The group hosts a reception marking Canada's Literacy Volunteer Awards at the Guildford Public Library Auditorium, 15105 - 105th Avenue, Surrey at 7:00 p.m. Friday, . The presentation honouring volunteer contributions to literacy awareness and support in the community will be followed by a performance of John Lazarus' play, "Marks on Paper" by The Literacy Players from Project Literacy Abbotsford-Matsqui at 8:00 p.m. Admission is by donation at the door. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. January 23 at the Newton Library (596-7401).

PROJECT LITERACY TERRACE

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Ella Goodlad has taken over from Jake Muller at the College as interim President of PL Terrace. She reports that a training workshop to develop a resource of Terrace-based individuals to train literacy tutors was held in Terrace on November 8. Sandi Lavallie, Marie Grindstrand and Wendy Abbott conducted the workshop; taking part were Larry Bolingbroke, Elizabeth Snyder, Patti Barnes and Ella Goodlad, from PL Terrace. The group's plans include developing a tutor resource bank and organizing training sessions.

PROJECT LITERACY VICTORIA

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Victoria, B.C. V9B 5R1
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Contact: The Learners' Network
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Victoria, B.C. V8T 1Z4
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Susan Kurushima of the Learners' Network reports that PL Victoria is hiring a Coordinator for a one-year contract to operate its new Adult Literacy Centre. Responsibilities will include:

- ◆ provision of a drop-in counselling service for learners
- ◆ delivery of peer tutoring program
- ◆ supervising existing staff and programs
- ◆ provision of support to various working committees of Project Literacy Victoria
- ◆ promotion of community development of literacy services
- ◆ financial management of programs

Applications will be accepted until December 7, 1990.

Send to: Chairperson, Project Literacy Victoria
760A Hillside Avenue
Victoria, B.C. V8T 1Z4

A number of PL Victoria volunteers and tutors received awards from the Canadian Library Association's Literacy Volunteer Awards program at a ceremony held at the Greater Victoria Central Library on November 29. Several Learners' Network tutors are involved in a reading program for the elderly at the Mount Edwards Court and Central care homes in Victoria on a regular

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basis; another tutor volunteers weekly as a scribe for Victoria's "Our Club," a support group for schizophrenics. PL Victoria received a donation of \$5000.00 from a store called "The Great Canadian Office Supplies Warehouse" at its grand opening in Victoria on October 26.

LITERACY B.C. WEST KOOTENAYS

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Representatives from Trail, Nelson and Castlegar are taking part in a series of tutor training sessions which began November 14 and run for five Wednesdays. These will be followed by a Castlegar workshop in January for local tutor trainers, reports Wearmouth.

PROJECT LITERACY WILLIAMS LAKE

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as "Beyond the Year of Literacy: Where Do We Go From Here?" would also be welcome.

To present a session, suggest a topic or recommend a speaker, contact:

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Registration information and further details about workshops will be mailed to ABEABC members in early February.

Membership in the Association is open to all; to apply contact Betty Nichol at 583-1460 (Surrey).

THE LITERACY HOT LINE

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre provides information and encouragement by phone to adults who want to upgrade their skills through adult basic education. Our toll-free number for learners outside the Lower Mainland is:

1-800-663-1293

Message from the Contact Centre

Early Deadline!

The ALCC Newsletter, normally mailed out on the last working day of each month, will be coming out earlier next month. Because the Centre will be closed between December 24 and January 1, the newsletter will be distributed Friday, December 21.

To get your news item in this, the last issue of 1990, please make sure we receive your submission by Friday, December 14.

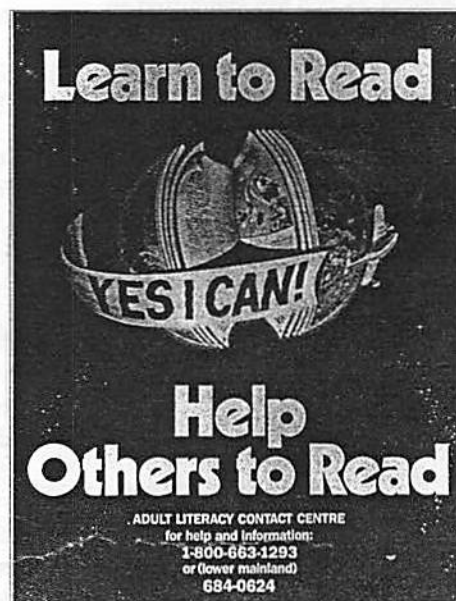
Literacy and the B.C. Fed

At the 35th annual convention of the B.C. Federation of Labour, held in Vancouver November 26-30, two resolutions on literacy by the education committee were adopted:

Resolution C-1: "...that the B.C. Federation of Labour demand that the provincial government develop a plan to eradicate illiteracy in B.C. in the next decade; and... that long-term, adequate funding be provided as an essential element of that plan."

Resolution C-2: "...that the B.C. Federation of Labour, in consultation with those unions currently working on "ESL" and "literacy programs" develop a program of action on literacy; and... that the B.C. Federation of Labour seek out all possible funding sources including all levels of government." ☐

Free Poster



Copies of this full-colour poster measuring 16 1/4" x 22" are available free of charge from the Contact Centre.